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Applicant: SHEDDEN
Serial No: 09/487,401
For: ACTIVE LOG READ I/O BALANCING FOR LOG DUPLEXING
Filed: 19 JAN 2000
Examiner: JEAN BOLTE FLEURANTIN
Art Unit: 2172

Docket No.: ST9-99-033

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting the present document in response to a Final Office Action dated 27 JAN 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 are pending in the application.

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 - 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,544,347 to Yanai et al. (hereinafter "the '347 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,792 to Yanai et al. (hereinafter "the '792 patent"). Claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the grounds that the '347 and '792 patents, whether considered alone or in combination, do not describe or suggest all of the elements of independent claims 1, 7 and 13.



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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

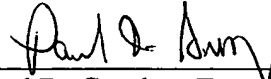
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	21	Minus	21	0	x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$84.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				PAID		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$_____.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

April 4, 2003

Date



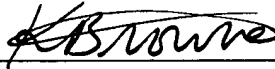
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